



IPSAWG Meeting  
July 12, 2006  
Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park, NREC

## Minutes

### 1- Welcome and Introductions

Doug Keller, Phil O'Connor, Hilary Cox, Keith Johnson, Glen Nice, Lee Casebere, Ellen Jacquart, Theresa Daly

### 2- Updates on Codes of Conduct.

Office of Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner – Larry has finalized and signed the codes covering their jurisdiction over seeds.

NRCS – IPSAWG received a letter signed by State Conservationist that serves as NRCS' codes. The letter commits to continued involvement in the process but stops short of adopting IPSAWG's results and recommendations. Ken wasn't present, but we discussed what this means and Ellen will touch base with Ken to thank him and discuss.

Purdue University – Keith has passed draft codes on to the appropriate people at Purdue; no response yet. He will check in and see where it's at.

DNR – Bob Waltz has taken the draft from the Invasive Species committee and was to take to the two deputy directors to determine the next review steps.

Muscatatuck NWR – Theresa reports that an edited version is almost ready for signature.

IN Chapter of ASLA – Dave Gorden reports that it's under review and may be signed soon.

### 3 - Updates on progress for new assessments –

**Sawtooth oak:** Phil O'Connor, Ken Collins. They've talked about it and will set a date for assessment soon and email the whole group to let them know.

**Aquatics:** Doug Keller. Currently he and Bob are looking at all aquatics in trade to develop white/black list. There will be two Sept. meetings to engage industry (Dunes and Indianapolis) on these species – plants and animals. Will invite those interested from those meetings to be at the assessments for the invasive plants. May not have information ready in time for publication of our IPSAWG brochure (expected to be late Dec. 2006) – depends how difficult the process is.

**English ivy:** Hilary Cox. Has done research on line; sees it often in edge areas. Kentucky has done assessment and considers it a significant threat. Still sold widely – 500 named cultivars. No reports from Indiana natural areas – Ellen will send a note again. Assessment will be Sept. 12 at TNC office.

**Burning bush and wintercreeper:** Ellen Jacquart, Mike Cline. The assessment is set for Sept. 19 at the TNC office.

**Others to assess?** Miscanthus- concern about use for biofuel and horticulture. Hilary offered to assess; note that we need to involve NRCS – Ken Collins and Dave Burgdorf particularly – in this assessment. Pennisetum alopecuroides and Hakonechloa are two potentially invasive grasses that should perhaps be assessed in the future.

4 - MIPN publications update- input from Indiana will come from IPSAWG for three publications:

Early detection – invasive species just entering the Midwest

Field guide – identification of established invasive species in the Midwest

Alternatives – non-invasive alternatives to plant instead of invasives (both Mike Cline and Ellen are on the committee working on this one). When/if necessary, Ellen will provide drafts for review to IPSAWG.

5 - INLA roundtable on invasive species in horticulture - IPSAWG involvement invited. August 3-4, Clifty Falls State Park. Ellen will ask Mike Cline to send information around to IPSAWG for anyone who would like to be part of this discussion.

6 – Response to letter in the last INLA newsletter. Art Hopkins has already replied; Hilary offered to write a response from IPSAWG. Draft was handed around for comments. Keith noted that perhaps it would be best to talk with Mike first about this to assure that we understand INLA's position on this, and whether he would prefer to respond himself given he represents INLA on IPSAWG. Hilary will revise and send to Mike for discussion.

7 – Fact sheets. Reed Canary Grass still needs review; others will be coming soon. Ellen will send out again to forage interests.

6 – Announcements, updates.

**State Fair display** – Phil says there will be a DNR booth on invasive species, updated from last year. Used excerpts from the MIPN Why Should I Care? Brochure for the display.

**Invasive Plant Species ID and Control** - for DNR employees and natural resource professionals at O'Bannon Woods in Harrison Co. on Sept. 20.

**Next meeting – Friday, September 29 at 9 am.  
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